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SUBJECT: CIVAIR-FUTURE FAA OPERATIONS CYPRUS AND CYPRUS AIRWAYS
RE-EQUIPMENT

REF: (A) STATE 220395, (B) NICOSIA 2595, (C) NICOSIA A-54, (D)
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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES FAA EFFORTS TO FINALIZE MOA FOR
AIRMEN CERTIFICATION SERVICES TO CYPRUS AIRWAYS PERSONNEL
DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN OPERATION OR MAINTENANCE OF U.S. REGIS-
TERED AIRCRAFT.

2. SINCE REPORTING CYPRUS AIRWAYS DECISION TO PURCHASE
BAC-111 AIRCRAFT, REFS (C) AND (D), EMBASSY HAS LEARNED
THAT GOC HAS NOT YET CONCURRED WITH PROPOSED PACKAGE AND
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THAT CYPRUS AIRWAYS STUDY PUTATIVELY SHOWING SUPERIORITY

OF BAC-111 OVER DC-9 WILL BE SUBJECT OF REVIEW BY GOC.
IT HAS ALSO COME TO EMBASSY ATTENTION THAT PROPOSED
SWITCH BACK TO BRITISH AIRCRAFT IS RUNNING INTO
OPPOSITION FROM VARIOUS QUARTERS, RAISING DOUBTS
ABOUT CERTAINTY OF BAC/CYPRUS AIRWAYS DEAL.

3. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, EMBASSY BELIEVES MCDONNELL-DOUGLAS
STILL HAS A CHANCE TO SELL DC-9 AIRCRAFT TO CYPRUS
AIRWAYS. FOR THIS REASON WE WISH TO CONTINUE TO BE FULLY RESPON-
SIVE ON MOA TO PRECLUDE CYPRUS AIRWAYS USING ARGUMENT THAT
U.S. SUPPORT (FAA ASSISTANCE) HAS BEEN INADEQUATE. WE NOTE
ALSO THAT EVEN IF DC-9'S ARE REPLACED IN EARLY NOVEMBER,
CYPRUS AIRWAYS WILL STILL BE OPERATING U.S.-REGISTERED DC-8
UNTIL SPRING 1978, THUS MOA AIRMEN CERTIFICATION WILL STILL BE
NEEDED.

4. CONCERNING REF (A) PARA 4, EMBASSY AGREES GOC DEPT OF
CIVIL AVIATION (DCA) SHOULD DEVELOP LOCAL EXPERTISE.
EMBASSY WILL REVIEW MATTER WITH DCA AFTER PRESENT ACTING
DIRECTOR, MR HERCULES PANAYOTIDES, IS CONFIRMED AS
PERMANENT DIRECTOR (WITH NEXT FEW WEEKS). IN MEANTIME,
WE STILL VIEW MOA AS NECESSARY, BOTH FOR IMMEDIATE SUPPORT
OF CYPRUS AIRWAYS OPERATIONS OF U.S. AIRCRAFT, I.E., DC-8, AND
AS SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS TO KEEP OPEN AVENUES THAT WOULD FACILI-
TATE CYPRUS AIRWAYS PURCHASE OR CONTINUED USE OF DC-9 BEYOND
NOVEMBER.

5. PLEASE CABLE TEXT PROPOSED MOA SOONEST.
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